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Area Legislators Announce Funds To Aid Boehringer-Ingelheim Expansion



State Senator David J. Cappiello, R-24th, and State Representatives Janice Giegler, R-138th, Hank Bielawa, R-2nd and John H. Frey, R-111th, announced that the State Bond Commission today approved a \$500,000 grant to aid in the expansion of the Boehringer-Ingelheim Pharmaceutical plant at 900 Ridgebury Road, on the Danbury-Ridgefield border. The bond commission approved the allocation during its monthly meeting in Hartford this morning.

The funds awarded to the City of Danbury will be used for the design of infrastructure and roadway improvements in vicinity of the plant. An increase in traffic from area development and hilly topography have contributed to safety issues near into their campus. The improvements will also better facilitate the anticipated increase in visitor and employee traffic at the facility. Boehringer-Ingelheim is expected to create an additional 500 jobs during the next five years.

"I don't see how the state could say no to this request," said Sen. Cappiello. "We often hear about the state giving economic assistance money to companies threatening to leave Connecticut. This funding on the other hand will help facilitate the company's expansion to accommodate new employees. What great news for the City of Danbury as well the surrounding communities that are home to many of the employees of Boehringer-Ingelheim Pharmaceutical."

"The state must do all it can to help foster the city's manufacturing growth and increase jobs," said Rep. Gielger. "This grant certainly benefits economic development in our community."

"The long-range plans for Boehringer-Ingelheim's expansion is positive initiative for the local economy," said Rep. Bielawa. "Encouraging this project represents a very worthwhile investment for the state."

"Boehringer-Ingelheim is not only a valued large employer but an outstanding member of the community as well," said Rep. Frey, R-111. "We look forward to the state making a further commitment to the expansion project."